

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A composite article comprising a gel coat layer, a laminate layer, and a barrier layer disposed between the gel coat and laminate, wherein the laminate layer comprises reinforcing fibers in a cured polyester resin and the gel coat comprises a cured polyester polyurethane acrylate resin, wherein the gel coat layer forms a surface of the article that maintains 60% or more of its gloss after exposure to 4500kJ/m² of ultraviolet radiation, and wherein the barrier layer comprises fibers having a length of 1 mm or less.

9. (original) A composite article according to claim 8, wherein the composite article comprises an automobile body panel.

10. (original) An article according to claim 8, wherein the total thickness of the article is 2-12 mm.

11. (original) An article according to claim 8, wherein the total thickness of the article is 3-8 mm, the thickness of the gel coat is 0.5-1.5 mm, the thickness of the barrier coat is 0.75-2 mm, and the thickness of the laminate layer is 1-5 mm.

12. (original) An article according to claim 8, wherein the reinforcing fibers comprise glass fibers having a length of 6 mm or greater.

13. (original) An article according to claim 8, wherein the laminate layer comprises a cured dicyclopentadiene unsaturated polyester resin.

14. (original) An article according to claim 8, wherein the density of the laminate layer is 1.2 g/cm³ or less.

15.-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) An automobile body panel, comprising a cured multilayer composite article comprising:

a gel coat layer;

a laminate layer; and

a barrier layer disposed between the gel coat layer and the laminate layer, wherein the laminate layer comprises reinforcing glass fibers in a matrix of a cured polyester resin, and wherein the gel coat forms a surface of the body panel that maintains 60% or more of its gloss after exposure to 4500 kJ/m² of ultraviolet radiation, and wherein the barrier layer comprises fibers having a length of 1 mm or less.

19. (original) A body panel according to claim 18, wherein the gel coat layer comprises a cured polyester polyurethane acrylate resin.

20. (original) An automobile body panel according to claim 18, wherein the body panel has a class A finish.

21. (original) An automobile body panel according to claim 18, wherein the maximum thickness of the body panel is about 6 mm.

22. (original) An automobile body panel according to claim 18, wherein the maximum thickness of the body panel is about 4 mm.

23. (original) An automobile body panel according to claim 18, wherein the gel coat has a thickness of 0.5 – 1.5 mm.